

GOD'S KEEPING POWER

I. God's keeping power

A. John 17:15; 1 Peter 1:4, 5; Jude 24

B. We have enemies – the world, the flesh, and the devil

II. What is the flesh

A. Matt. 26:41 – The flesh is weak

B. Rom. 7:18-23; Rom. 6:12 – The resident power of sin

III. Identifying the flesh

A. Gal. 5:19-21 - Observe the results of our attitudes & actions

B. James 3:13-18 – Examine the source of our wisdom/

C. Biblical examples/types

1. Gen. 16 – Abraham's fleshly lapse

2. Gen. 25:31-34 – Esau's lack of restraint

3. Gen. 27:35, 36 – Jacob's scheming, resistance & unyieldedness

4. Ex. 17:8-16 – Amalek's warring against God's plan & advancement

Bible Examples That Help Us Identify the Flesh

Abraham
& Hagar

to reason things out based only on what it can see/feel; work a deliverance of your own to help God out; hurry-up rush

Esau

to go it alone; ruling God out; desires instant gratification/ blinded to long term consequences; lacking restraint

Jacob

resisting the rule of God; scheme, connive, maneuver, and manipulate; stubborn and unyielding

Amalek

a warring against God's plan for victory and advancement into destiny.